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Conyers Criticizes Bush For Dividing Country Over Same Sex Marriage

Congressman John Conyers issued the following statement in response to the President's announcement in support of a constitutional amendment banning same sex marriages:

"It is clear to me that the President's poll numbers have finally dropped to the point where he has decided it is more useful to divide our nation over gay marriage than bring us together. With record job losses at home, and disarray in our foreign policy, this is the last thing the President should be pushing. Never before have we amended our constitution to deny freedoms, and I hope our Congress has the good sense to leave this difficult and complex issue to the states."

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